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We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the patent application entitled:

Method of Controlling the Release of Agricultural Active Ingredients From Treated Plant Seeds

the specification of which is being filed herewith.

We hereby state that each of us has reviewed and understands the contents of the specification, including the claims and any accompanying drawings, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose all information which is material to the patentability of this application as defined by 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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